

What About Signs and Wonders?

Ac 5:12-16

Do you believe in miracles?

Review

Context (see 4:29-31)

Miracles are for real (5:12a)

miracle

sign

wonders

Miracle defined: a supernatural intervention of God which demonstrates His **power** over creation and brings **glory** to Himself.

Miracles apart from message are often **unintelligible**.

Miracles evoke diverse responses (5:12b-16)

Believers (12b)

Unbelieving Jews (13)

No association

high esteem

Do we live out the gospel in such a fashion that even those who disagree or reject the gospel recognize a quality about us that is **honorable**?

Miracles **alone** don't cause them to "join"!

Responsive Jews (13b-14)

The superstitious (15)

Seeking fruit, not **faith**; the sign, not the **Savior**

The neighboring multitude (16)

Free health care calls a crowd.

Warning: a miracle may turn your gaze to God, but it won't **hold** it.

Warning: be cautious how you connect miracles to God's **character**.

Principles for today

God still works miracles – when and how **He** wants.

Overt clusters of miracles like this are not God's **norm**.

Miracles (signs & wonders) are never an end in themselves but a means of awakening **faith**.

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